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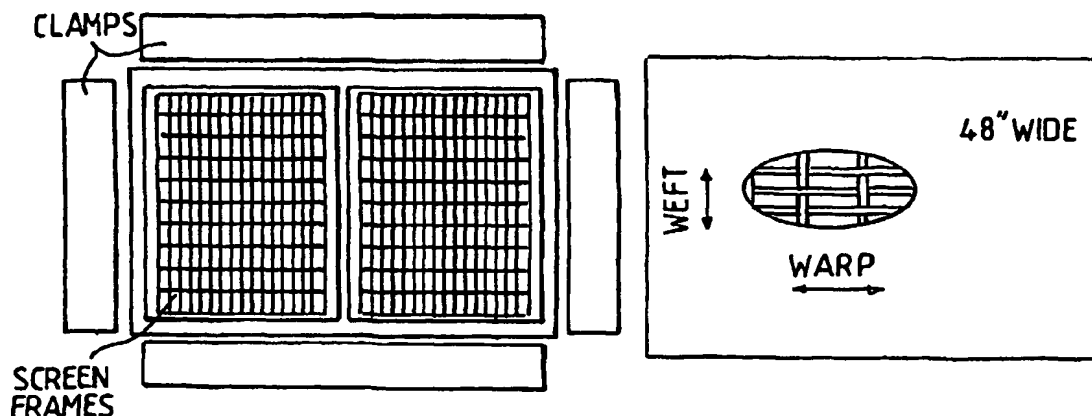
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(57) Abstract: A screen is described for use in a vibrating machine for separating solids from liquid material, comprising woven wire cloth of orthogonal warp and weft wires, tensioned and bonded to a support structure defining at least one rectangular opening across which the cloth extends. The orientation of the cloth is chosen so that the warp wires extend across the width (i.e. shorter dimension) of the or each opening. A method of manufacturing two screens side by side in a jig involves laying a length of woven wire cloth across two rectangular frames laid side by side in the jig with longer edges thereof abutting, and orientating the cloth so that the warp wires extend continuously across the two screens. The cloth is bonded to the frames after which it is severed along the join and surplus cloth is trimmed away from the edges of the frame. If the cloth has a square mesh and the warp wires are of greater cross section than the weft wires, the warp wires will extend across the width of the frame, and if the cloth has a rectangular mesh, the greater number of warp wires per unit length will also extend across the width of the frame, so that in each case warp wires will resist in use the stresses across the width of the central region of the or each opening.

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an integral screen wherein the warp wires extend across the width and the weft wires extend across the length of the rectangular opening and method of making the same.

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a hook-strip screen wherein the attachment edges are parallel to the weft wires and the warp wires extend between the edges.

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